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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07-31-03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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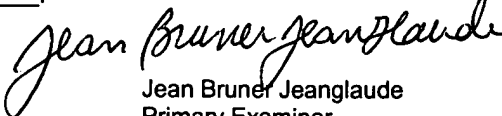
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachm nt(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


Jean Bruner Jeanglaude
Primary Examiner

Reasons For Allowance

Claims 1 – 19 are allowable.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: in combination with other limitations of the claims the prior arts made of record fail to suggest an apparatus and method for decoding a variable length code that comprise a memory controller for receiving the output of a selector, generating a third selection signal for selecting a LOC table value and a terminal value corresponding to the LOC table value in response to a predetermined continuous node signal, or generating a fourth selection signal for selecting a predetermined fixed length code stored in a memory in response to a predetermined symbol address signal, wherein the LOC table value and the terminal value are stored in the memory, and the terminal value is used to obtain a predetermined symbol address; a memory for storing LOC table values, terminal values, and fixed length codes, outputting a LOC table value and a terminal value in response to the third selection signal, and outputting a fixed length code in response to the fourth selection code; and a memory searcher for receiving the LOC table value and the terminal value that are output from the memory and L-bits of the data bitstream, determining whether the L bits of the data bitstream designate a terminal node or a continuous node using a LOC information table stored therein, generating a continuous node signal or a symbol address signal based on a result of the determination, receiving the fixed length code output from the memory, and outputting the fixed length code, wherein L is a natural number.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kustka (US patent Number 5,226,082) discloses a variable length decoder.

Limberg (US Patent Number 5,675,332) discloses a plural-step chunk-at-a-time decoder for variable length codes of Huffman type.

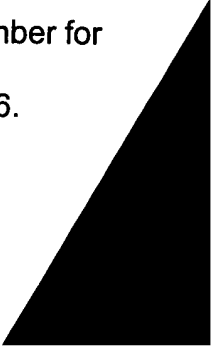
Wise (US Patent Number 5,784,631) discloses a Huffman decoder.

Sita et al. (US patent Number 5,841,380) discloses a variable length decoder and method for decoding two codes per clock cycle.

Bakhmutsky (US patent Number 5,990,812) discloses a universally programmable variable length decoder.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean B Jeanglaude whose telephone number is 571-272-1804. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 A. M. - 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Tokar can be reached on 571-272-1812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.



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